HIV Prevention in Arizona: a Snapshot

- Our official statewide HIV Community Planning Group is the PPGA: the HIV
 Prevention Planning Group of Arizona; three regional planning areas (formerly separate planning groups) work as ongoing or ad hoc committees of the PPGA:
 - > North: The Forum, a combined Prevention/Care group
 - <u>Central</u>: The Central AZ HIV Prevention Advocates (also known as the Gecko Forum) based in central Phoenix
 - South: SAHPPG (the Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group) based in Tucson
- Arizona has a 5-year planning cycle (the current cycle is 2007-2011)
- Arizona's targeted populations for HIV prevention activities this cycle are:
 - 1. **HIV+** individuals statewide (nationally mandated to be #1)
 - MSM (men who have sex with men) in Phoenix and Tucson metro areas, Coconino and Mohave counties
 - 3. **IDU (injection drug users)** in Phoenix and Tucson metro areas and Yavapai County
 - 4. **Black, non-Hispanic women** in Phoenix and Tucson metro areas **And the partners** of all the above
- During 2007-2011 the Arizona Department of Health Services was able to fund:
 - Southwest Center for HIV-AIDS (formerly Body Positive) in Phoenix to conduct Man2Man Sexual Health Seminars in various parts of the state and for various target audiences
 - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) in Tucson to do CRCS (Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services) with MSM/IDU in various parts of the state
 - 3. SAAF in Tucson to do an MPowerment program with MSM in Tucson
 - 4. TERROS in Phoenix for a Safety Counts program with IDUs.

NOTE that Counseling and Testing and Partner Services are implemented for all priority populations statewide.

• What else does the HIV Program at the Arizona Department of Health Services do?

ADHS tracks epidemiology; conducts surveillance; works with and provides materials to county health departments, HIV testing and partner services sites, HIV care and services, the direct-funded HIV programs, Native and Tribal programs and activities, statewide HIV task forces and community events like walks and awareness days.

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Thank you for your interest!